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TAGS: PREL, UN, RW, MARR, UNAMIR, CG, PREF, TZ

SUBJECT: UN THOUGHTS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE RWANDA

REFUGEE CAMPS

REF: MOOSE/INDERFURTH TELECON 8/31

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT
- 2. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA 6.

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- 3. SUMMARY: THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE U.N. AND THE U.S. FOR ASSISTANCE IN MOVING FORMER RWANDAN ARMY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AWAY FROM THE REST OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION. AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH IS REQUESTED TO USE HIS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANNAN TO OBTAIN THE UN'S REACTION TO THE ZAIRIAN PROPOSAL, AND SOLICIT UN IDEAS ON OTHER MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SECURITY SITUATION IN BOTH ZAIRE AND TANZANIA. END SUMMARY.
- 4. THE U.S. SEES THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL SECURITY CONCERNS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS:
- -- MEMBERS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMED FORCES (FAR) AND OUSTED GOVERNMENT REMAIN GROUPED TOGETHER IN REFUGEE CENTERS
- -- HUTU MILITIAS ALSO RETAIN A PRESENCE IN THE CAMPS IN ZAIRE AND TANZANIA. THEIR CONTINUED CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION AND VIOLENCE IS SEVERELY HAMPERING BOTH CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 03 STATE 235993 010223Z RELIEF AND REPATRIATION EFFORTS.

- -- DISARMAMENT HAS BEEN INCOMPLETE. ALTHOUGH MOST HEAVY WEAPONS HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES (FAZ) EXERCIZE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE SEIZED WEAPONS.
- 5. GIVEN THIS SECURITY SITUATION, THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPROACHED THE UN FOR HELP IN RELOCATING EX-FAR TROOPS AND FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO NEW SITES, AWAY FROM THE OTHER REFUGEES. ONE OPTION HAS THEM MOVING TO A SITE NEAR THE UGANDAN BORDER, WHICH MIGHT POSE NEW PROBLEMS.
- 6. ACTION REQUEST: AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH IS REQUESTED TO USE HIS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANNAN TO OBTAIN THE UN'S REACTION TO THE ZAIRIAN PROPOSAL, AND SOLICIT UN IDEAS ON OTHER MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SECURITY SITUATION. THE MISSION MAY INFORM THE UN THAT THE U.S. IS EVALUATING A NUMBER OF OPTIONS TO ADDRESS SECURITY CONCERNS IN THE CAMPS, BUT THAT WE HAVE COME TO NO RECOMMENDATIONS. THE MISSION MAY ALSO INFORM THE UN THAT WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE ON THEIR PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE EX-FAR AND IGOR. TALBOTT